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Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
State of Louisiana
Post Office Box 44275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: Rodessa Formation, Bethany-Longstreet Field,
DeSoto Parish, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

EL PASO PRODUCTION COMPANY ("Applicant") hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing, after ten (10) days legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Rodessa Formation in the Bethany-Longstreet Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana:

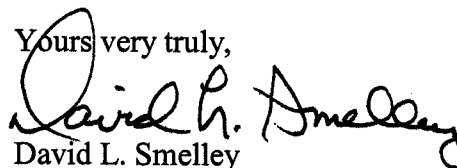
1. To recognize that the Rodessa Formation in the Bethany-Longstreet Field, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana, in the general area surrounding Applicant's proposed saltwater injection wells, the locations of which are shown on the attached plat, is not productive of hydrocarbons.
2. To define the Rodessa Formation as that interval occurring between the depths of 5397 feet and 5576 feet (electric log measurements) in the TXO Production Corp.--Stewart L No. 1 Well, located in Section 9, Township 13 North, Range 15 West, DeSoto Parish, Louisiana.
3. To consider such other matters as may be pertinent.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being sent along with a plat showing the location of the applicant's proposed saltwater injection wells. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, such list of parties is being furnished only to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation; however, the list of parties will be provided to any party requesting a copy of it. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

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Finally enclosed is our check on behalf of the applicant **made payable to the Office of Conservation** and representing the required hearing application fee.

Yours very truly,


David L. Smelley




— Attorney for El Paso Production Company

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls)
Ms. Deborah Null (w/encls.)
Mr. Bill Nelson (w/encls.)
Mr. Louis Gilbert (w/encl.)
Interested Owners, Represented Parties
and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

CRYSTAL OIL & LAND
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SOUTHERN PROD CO INC
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	RODESSA UNITS, RESERVOIR A AS PER 206-L SERIES
	RODESSA UNIT WELL
	PROPOSED SALT WATER DISPOSAL WELL

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BETHANY-LONGSTREET FIELD

DEBOTO PARISH, LOUISIANA

AREA OF REVIEW



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LOUIS GILBERT & ASSOCIATES, INC.

EXHIBIT NO.

DOCKET NO. 03-

